

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The amendments in the claims were presented to avoid charges for multi-dependent claims contained in the application.

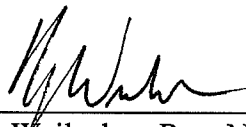
These amendments are not related to reasons of patentability.

Consideration of the above amendment is respectfully requested because it does not add any new material and is filed prior to any consideration by the Patent Office. Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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